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MEGA MAN™



PREVIOUSLY...

When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

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beyond even
his control...



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MEGA MAN



DR. LIGHT



DR. WILY



BASS

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THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE...

MARVELOUS!

THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE (REDESIGNED BY DR. WILY)

SIMPLY MARVELOUS! TO THINK-- A DEVICE THAT CAN ACTUALLY TRAVEL THROUGH TIME ITSELF! ASIDE FROM SOME UNSTABLE ENERGIES AT PLAY, WHO KNEW PLAYING AROUND WITH TIME AND SPACE WOULD BE SO SIMPLE? ALMOST LIKE I'VE DONE IT BEFORE...

PERIMETER BREACH! MEGA MAN IS IN THE BUILDING!

HEY! WHAT ABOUT MY UNIT? DID YOU NAME US THE "MEGA MAN KILLERS" FOR NOTHING?!

TIME-TRAVEL AT MY FINGERPRINTS, AND THOMAS'S PET ROBOT STILL MANAGES TO FIND THE WORST TIME TO SHOW UP.

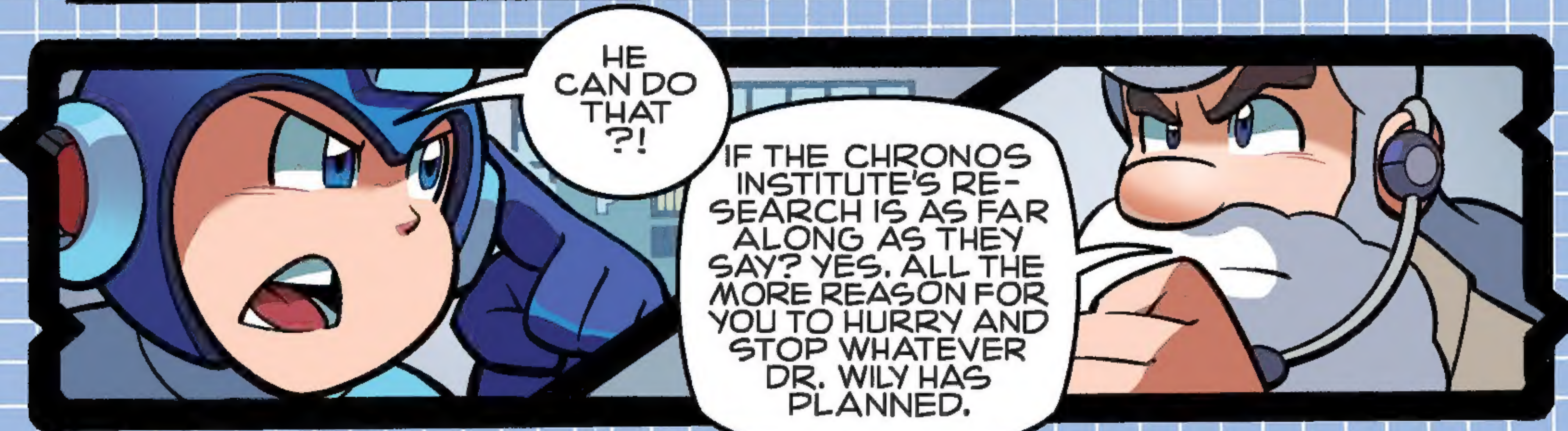
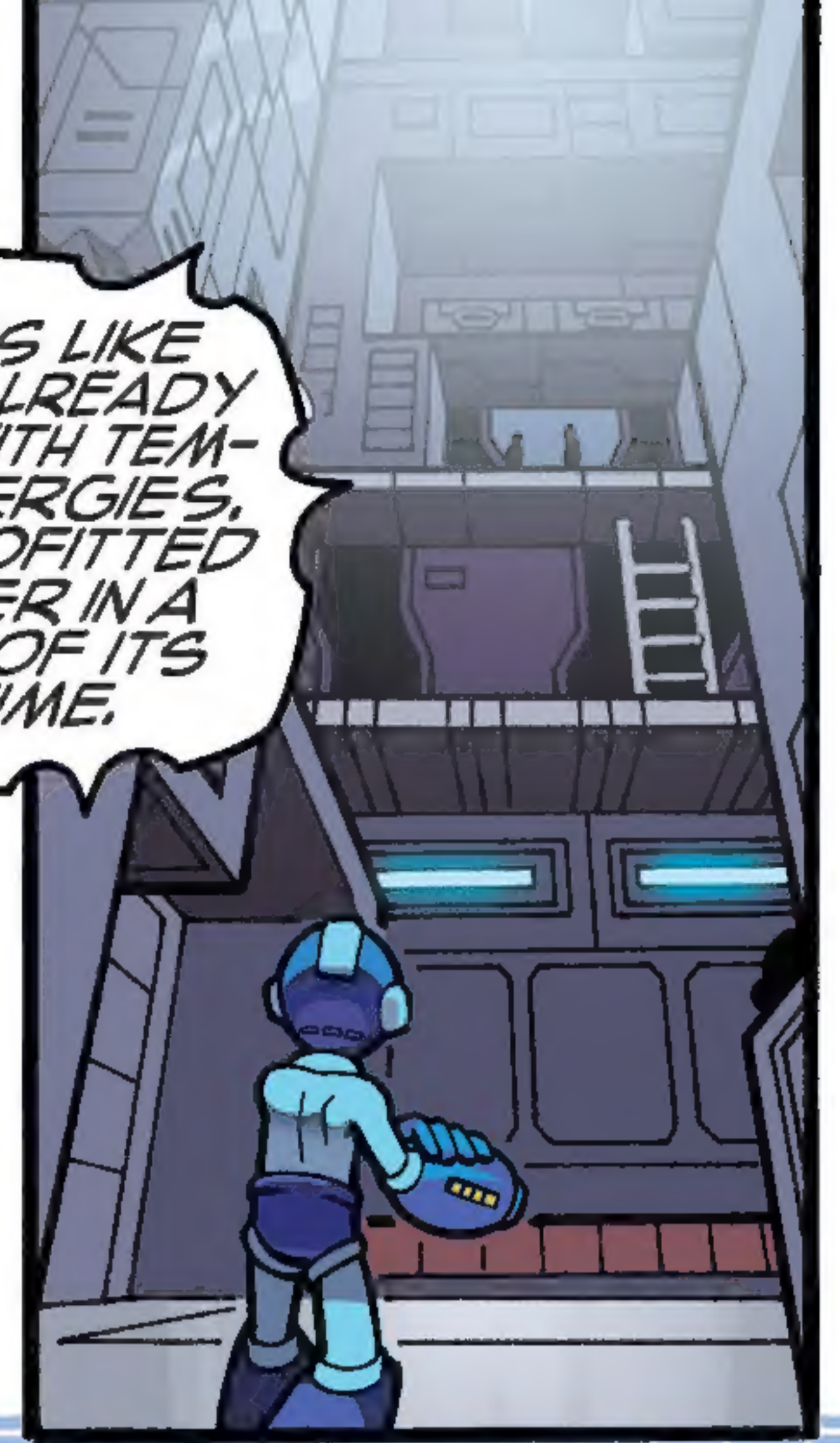
BUSTER ROD! TAKE THE GENESIS UNIT DOWN THE TOWER AND STOP HIM!

DON'T SASS ME, ENKER! YOU THREE ARE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE UNTIL I GET BACK FROM THE FUTURE!



I'M INSIDE, DR. LIGHT. THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE ONE OF DR. WILY'S CASTLES THAN A RESEARCH FACILITY, THOUGH.

IT SOUNDS LIKE ALBERT IS ALREADY MESSING WITH TEMPORAL ENERGIES, HE'S RETROFITTED THE TOWER IN A POCKET OF ITS OWN TIME.

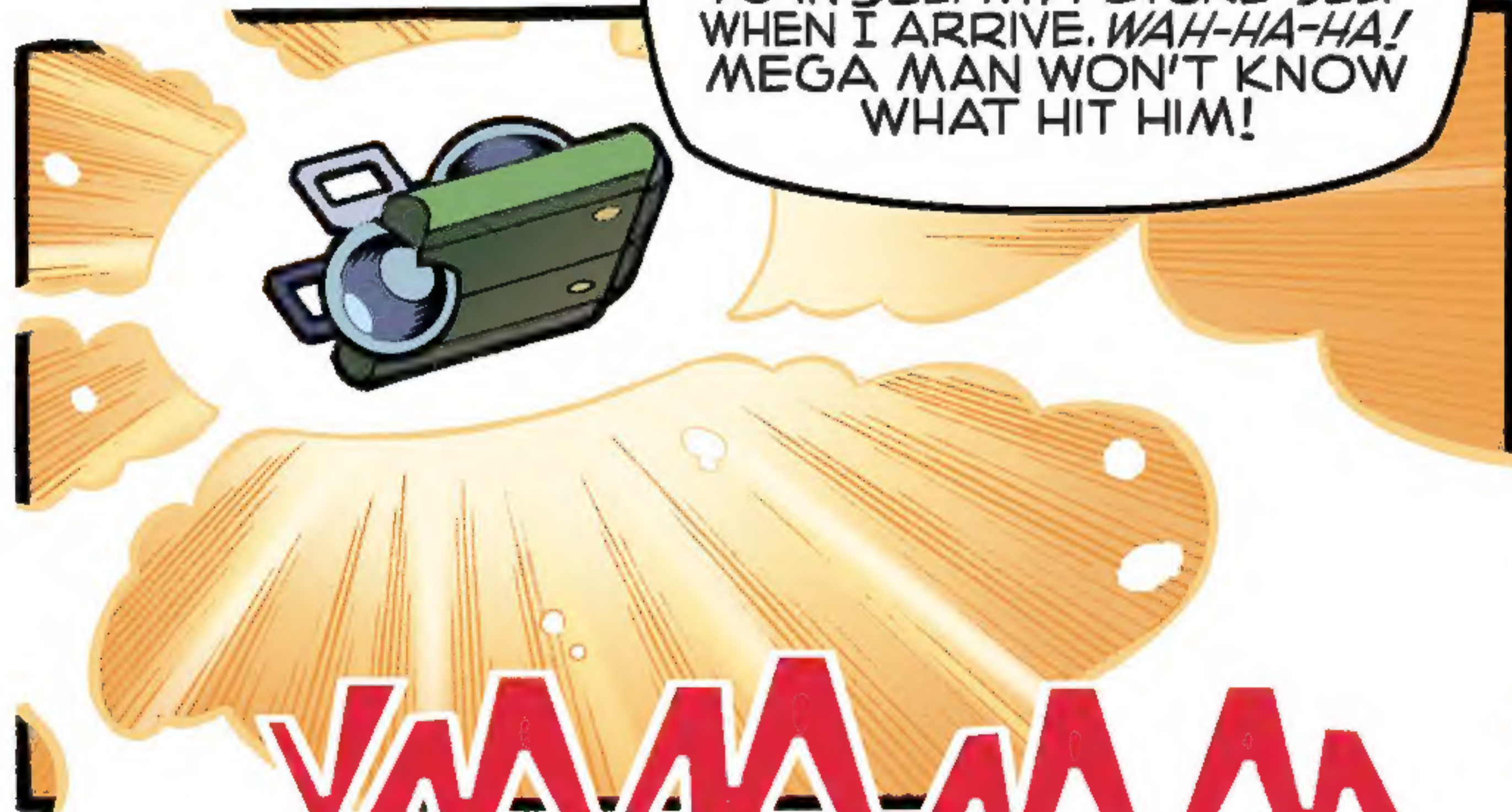


HE CAN DO THAT?!

IF THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE'S RESEARCH IS AS FAR ALONG AS THEY SAY? YES. ALL THE MORE REASON FOR YOU TO HURRY AND STOP WHATEVER DR. WILY HAS PLANNED.



NOW LET'S SEE... I OUGHT TO HAVE THE WORLD FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL IN FORTY YEARS. MMM... MAYBE A LITTLE LESS. I DON'T WANT TO INSULT MY FUTURE SELF WHEN I ARRIVE. WAH-HA-HA! MEGA MAN WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!



WAAAAA



GET UP,
YOU LAZY,
GOOD-FOR-
NOTHING--



YOU'RE
AWAKE!



SAVE
US!

WHAT?
RA-MOON?
BUT I
ALREADY
DEFEATED...



DON'T JUST STAND THERE
BABBLING! SHOOT!
SHOOT! BEFORE HE
KILLS US ALL!

BUT--?
WHAT--?
FINE!

WMMMMM

FWASH

WHAT THE--?
GAMMA?!
WHERE DID
YOU COME
FROM?

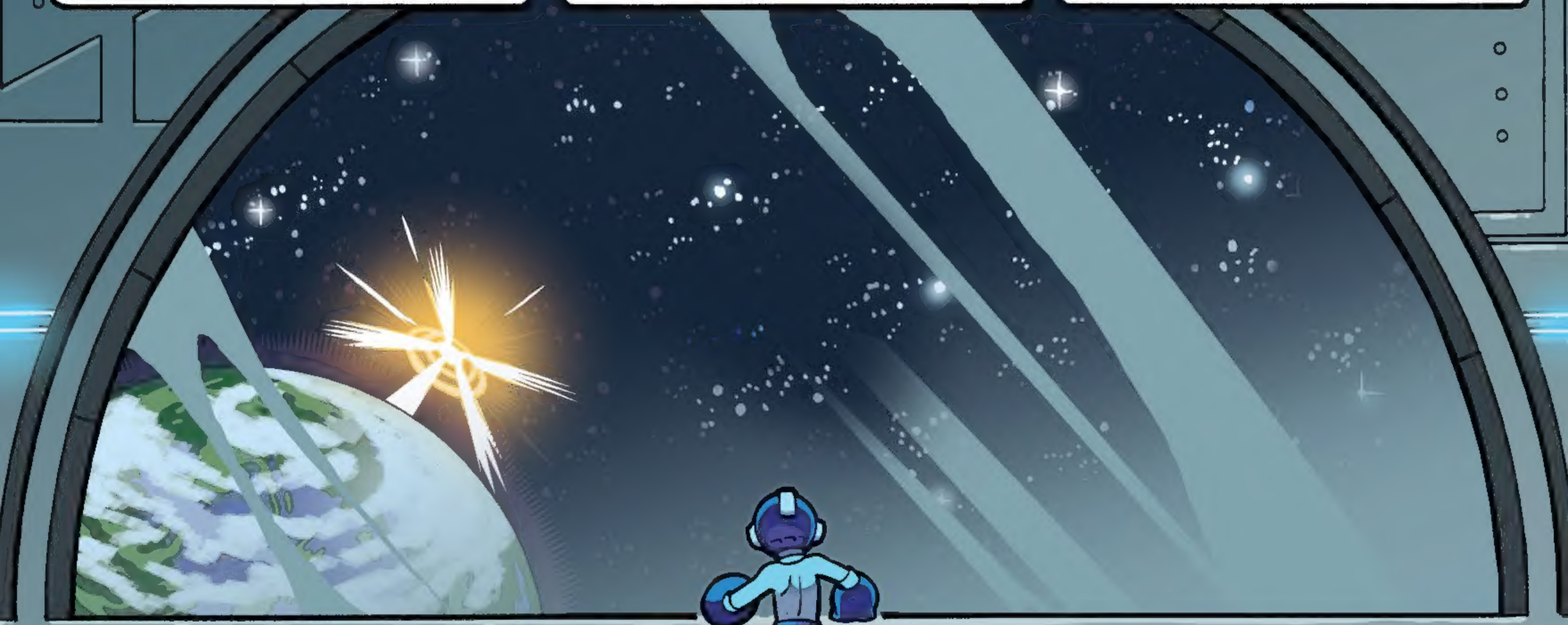
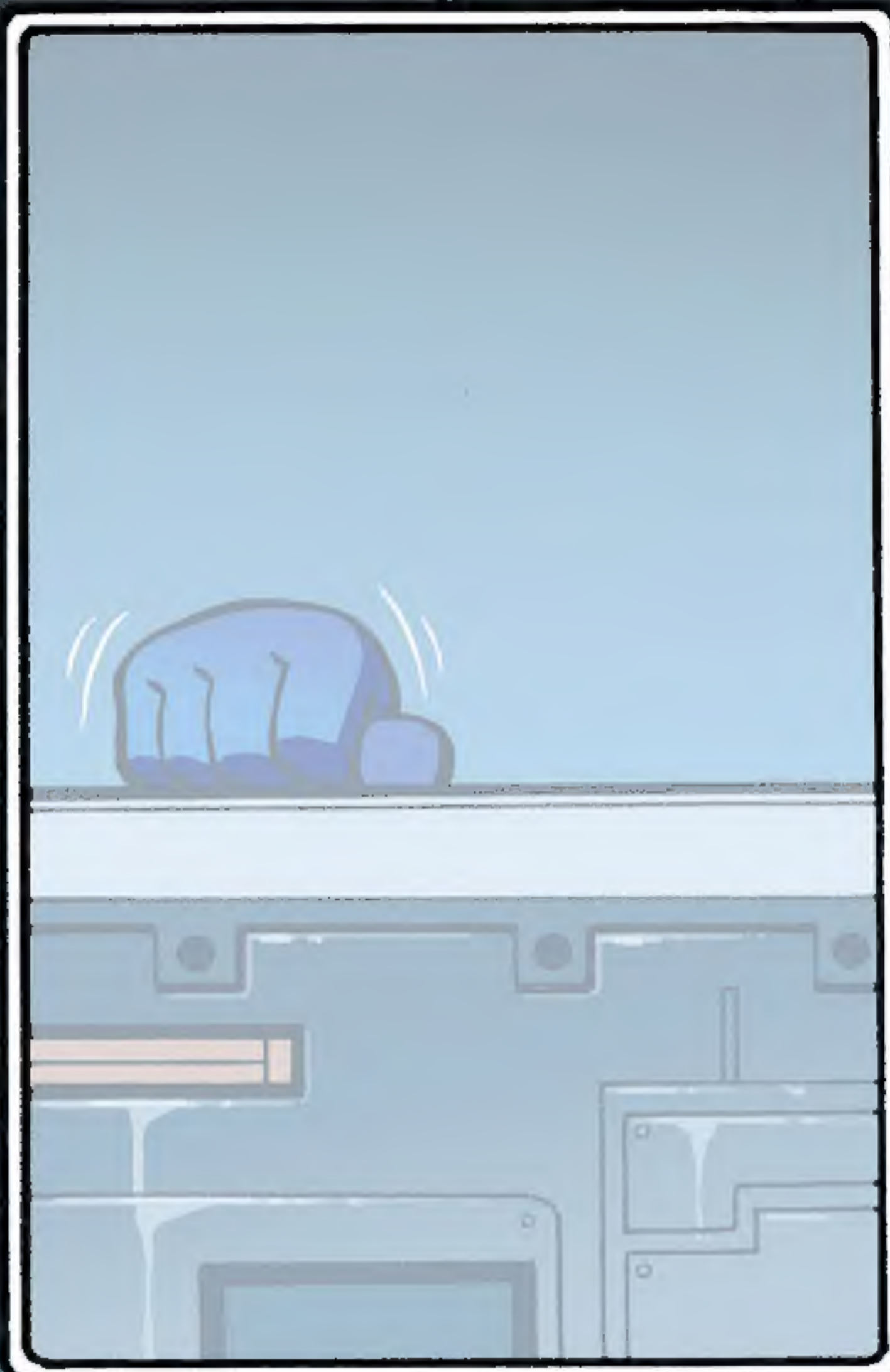
WAH-HA-HA!
THOMAS DID SUCH
AN EXCELLENT
JOB OF IMPRINT-
ING HIS NAIVETY
INTO YOU.

YOU'VE HAD
YOUR MINOR
VICTORIES
BUT YOU CAN-
NOT STAND
AGAINST THE
POWER OF
GAMMA!

AUGH!

OOF!

FWASH!





BECAUSE OF YOU, I *HAVE* TO BE. WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO *ME*. LET THE TIME STREAM FIGURE OUT THE REST.

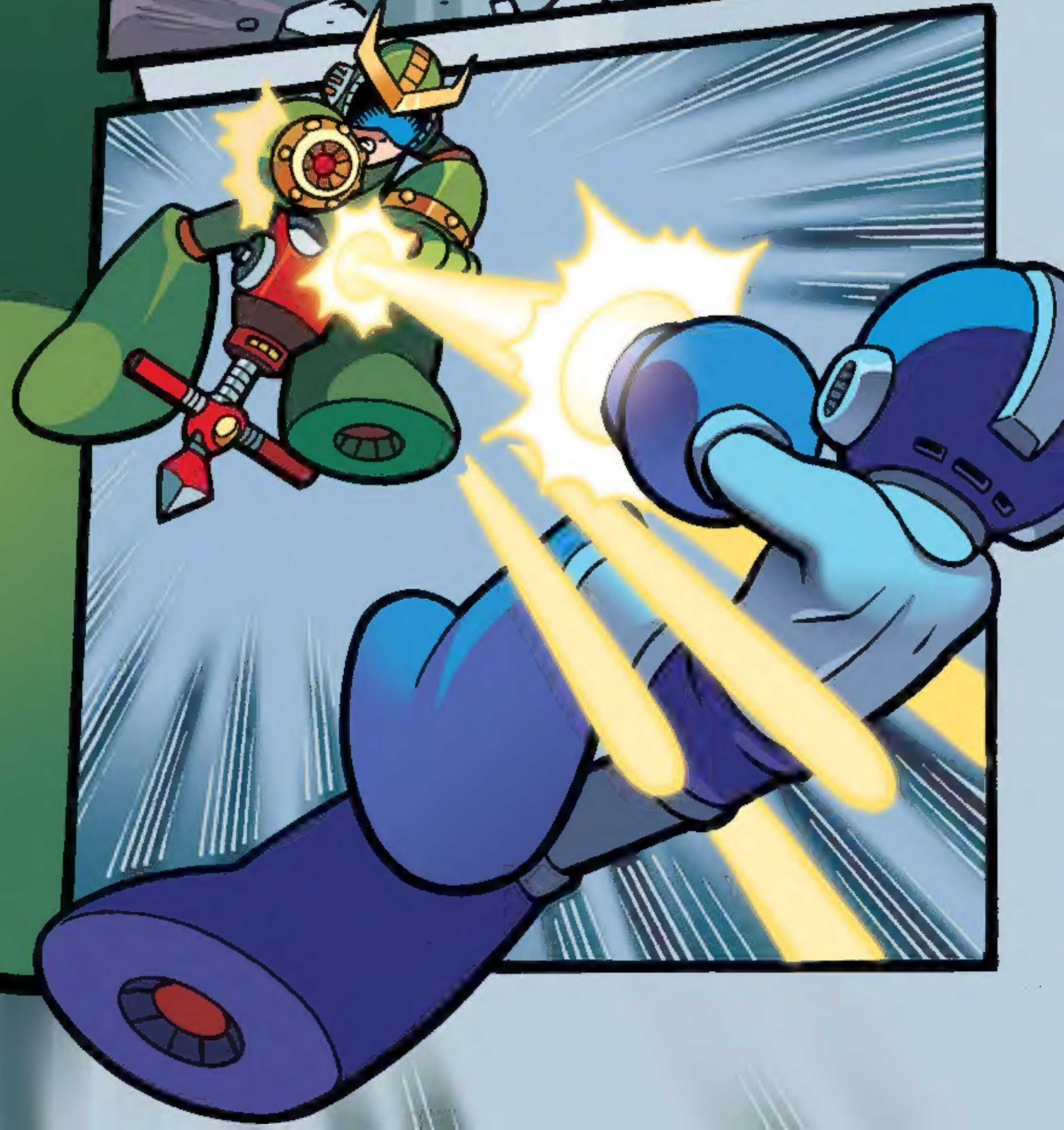
NOW HOLD ON! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I AM! OR *WHEN* I AM!

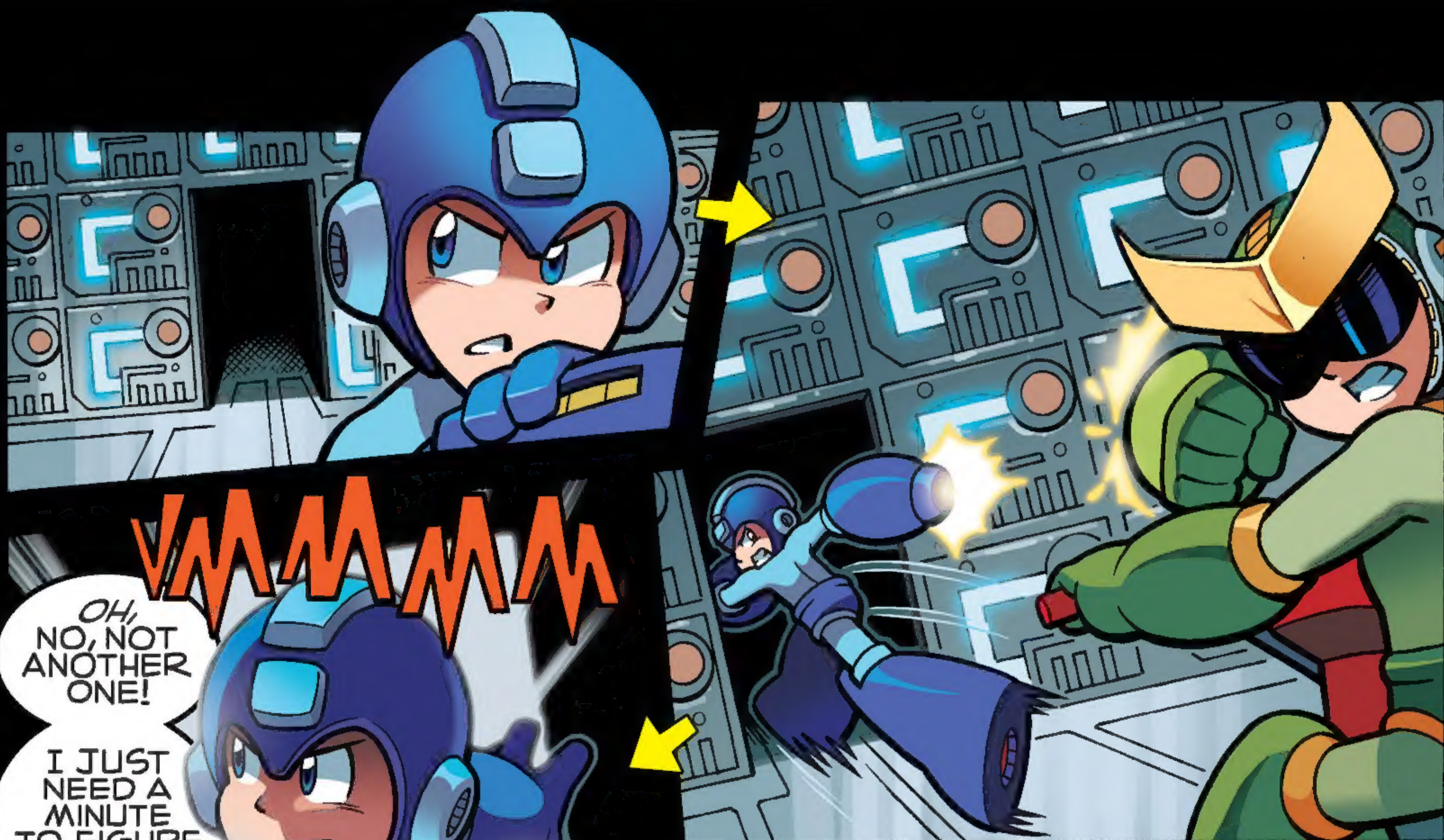


DIE, MEGA MAN!



WHOA!

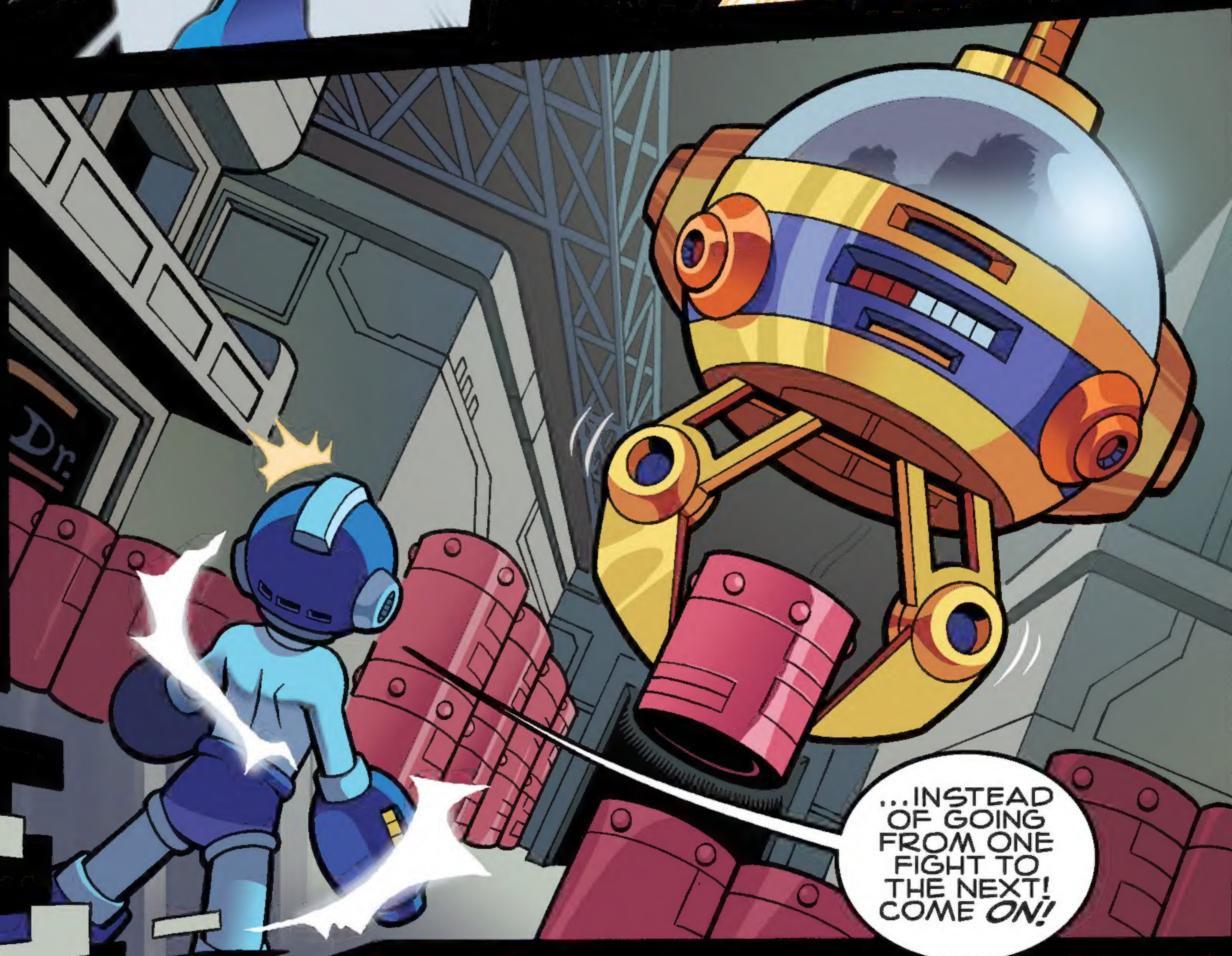




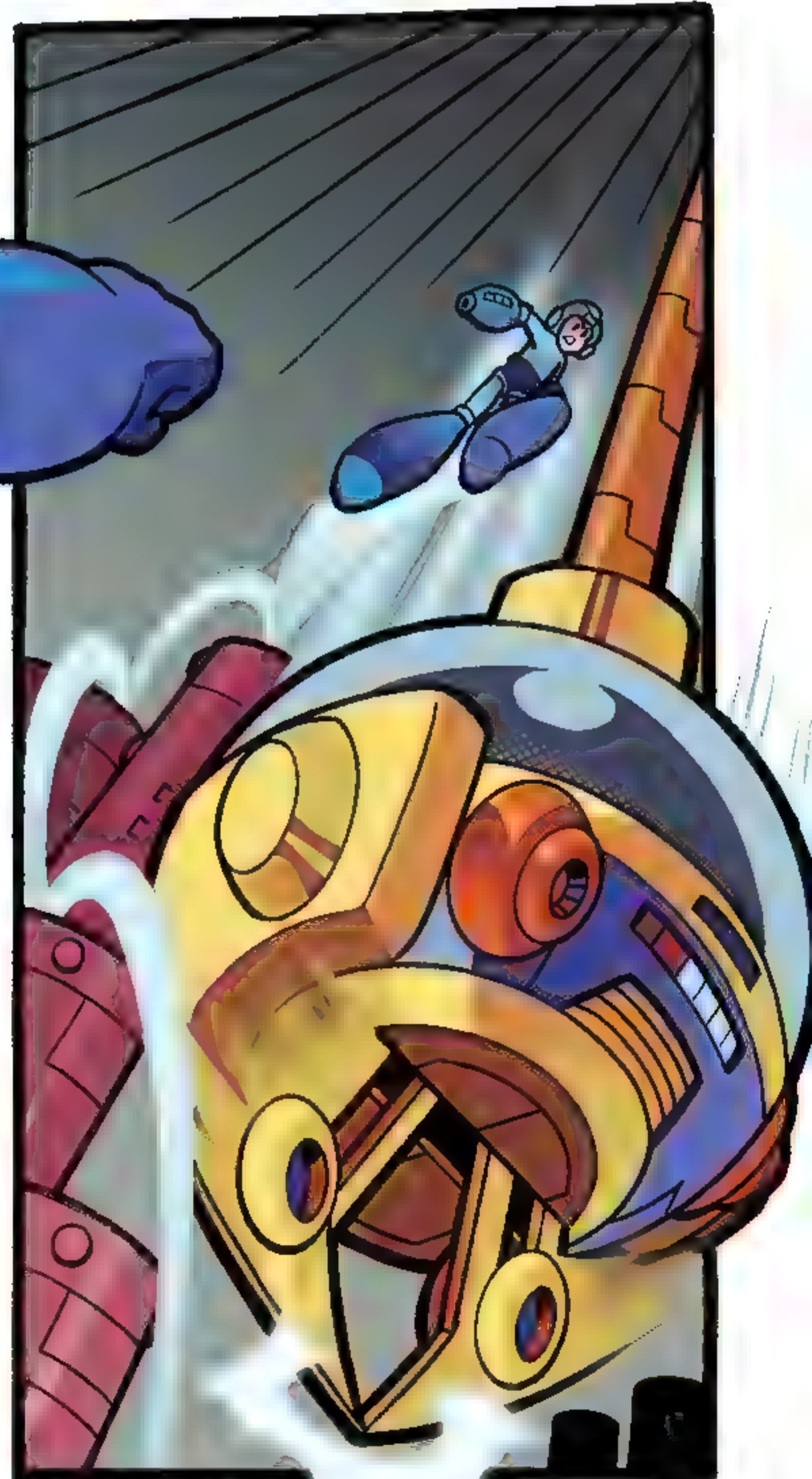
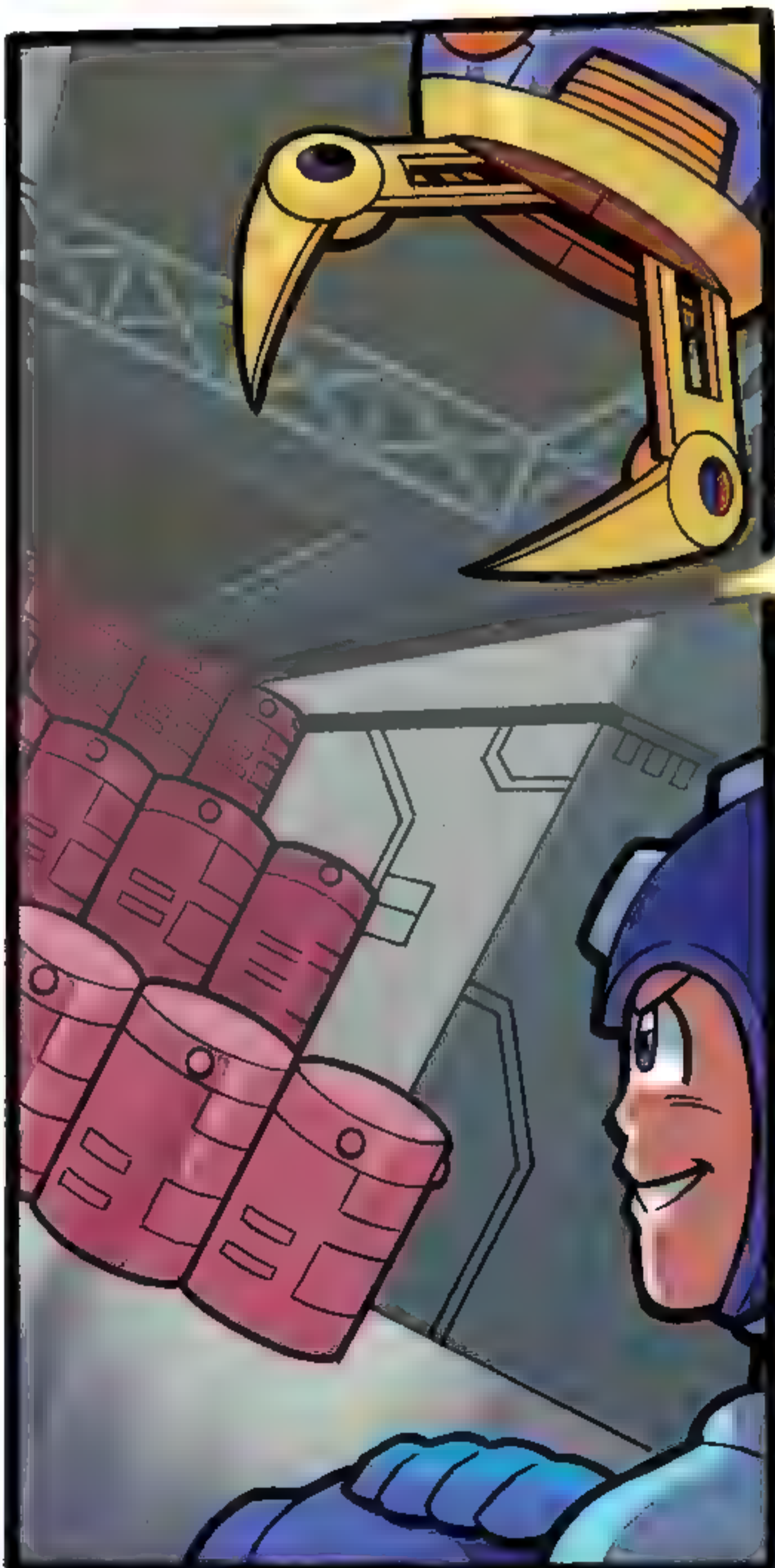
OH,
NO, NOT
ANOTHER
ONE!

I JUST
NEED A
MINUTE
TO FIGURE
OUT WHAT
TO DO...

FWASH!



...INSTEAD
OF GOING
FROM ONE
FIGHT TO
THE NEXT!
COME ON!





HA!



YOU'RE DONE!
COME OUT
WITH YOUR
HANDS
UP.



DOCTOR
COSSACK?!
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

I'M SO SORRY,
BUT HE LEFT ME
WITH NO CHOICE!
AND NOW, BECAUSE
OF YOU, SHE'S
DEAD!



WAIT--WHO'S
DEAD? LOOK,
I'M BEING
AFFECTED BY
SOME KIND OF
TIME-DISPLACE-
MENT. MAYBE WE
CAN WORK TO-
GETHER TO SAVE
BOTH...



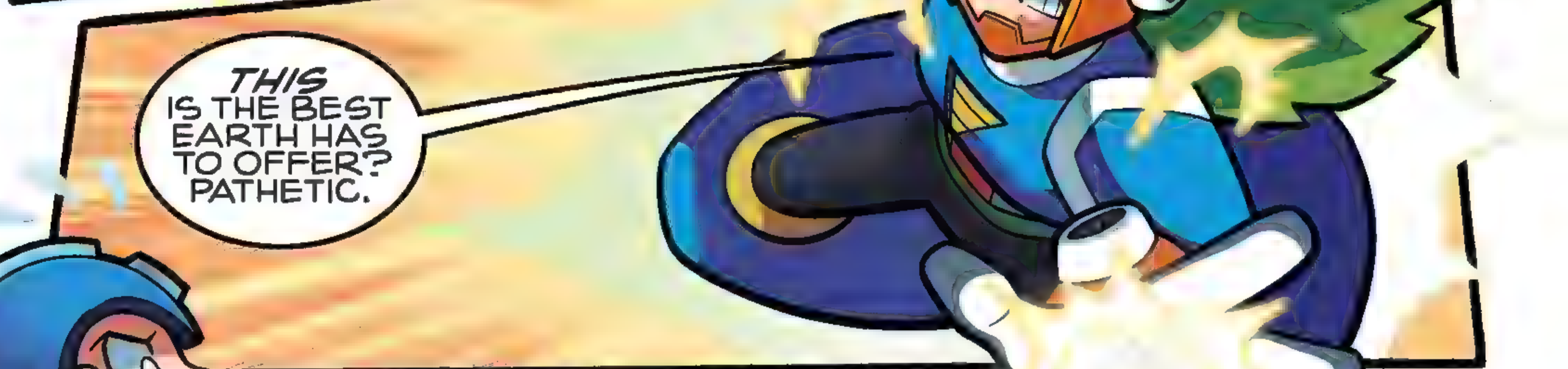
FWASH!

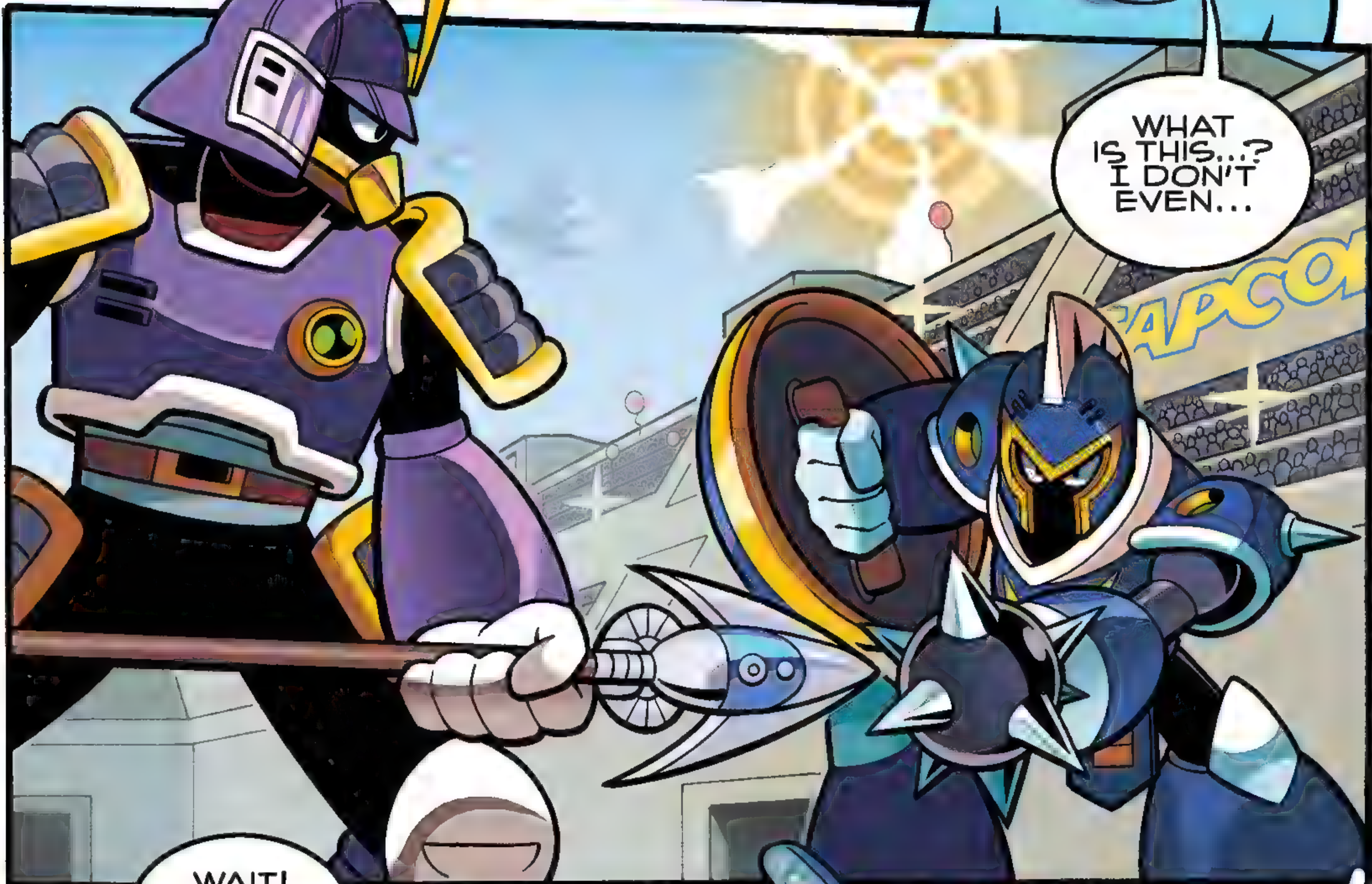
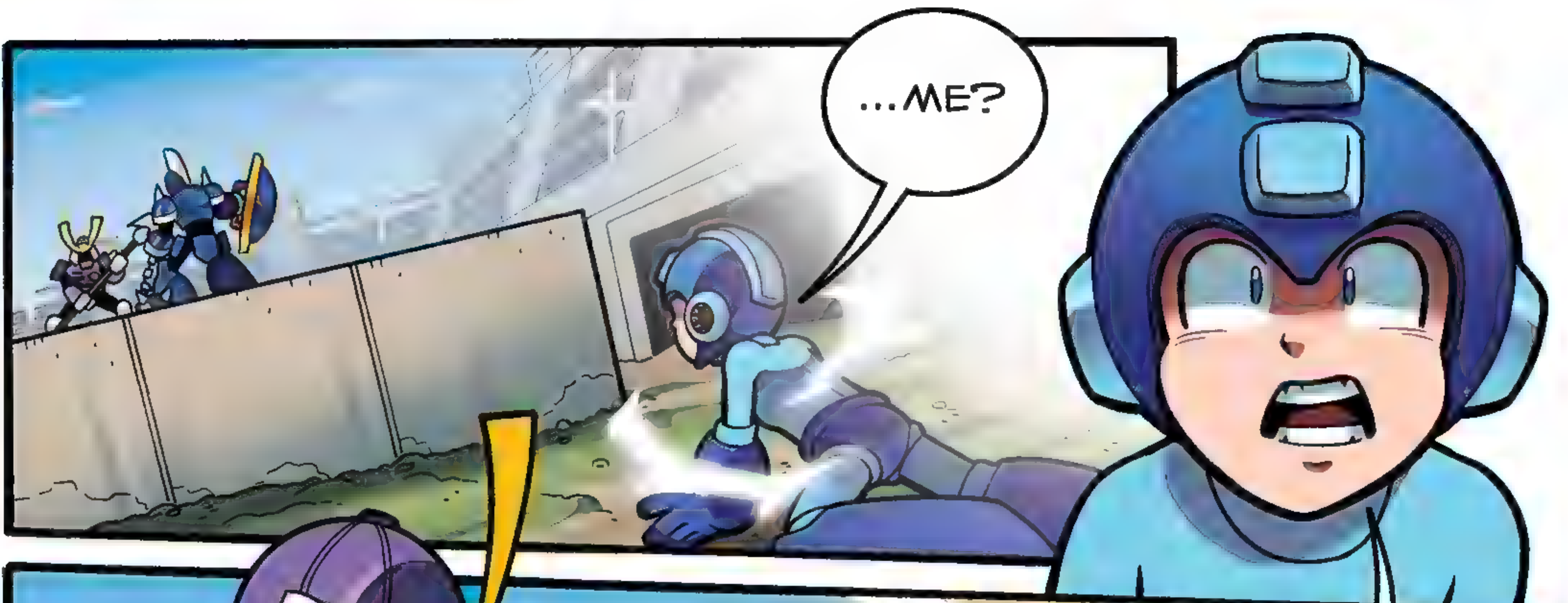



DOCTOR
COSSACK?!
NOW WHERE
--I MEAN
WHEN--I
MEAN...

MEGA
MAN!

OH, NOT
AGAIN--








OKAY, SINCE NOBODY IS SHOOTING AT ME, LET'S TAKE A SECOND TO PROCESS THIS.

I KNOW I'M JUMPING THROUGH TIME, I JUST SAW MYSELF, AND I DON'T REMEMBER ANY ROBOT ARENA FIGHTS, SO I'LL ASSUME I'M GOING FORWARD INTO MY OWN FUTURE, BUT HOW FAR?

I NEED TO GET BACK TO LIGHT LABS.

MAYBE I CAN FIND SOME KIND OF DATA TO FIX THIS, SEND ME BACK...

FWASH!



WAIT, DID I JUST JUMP AGAIN? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CITY?



AHH!
NOT AGAIN!



HMPH. HOW DID YOU EVER MANAGE TO STOP WILY?



I HAVE HAD IT WITH RANDOM ROBOTS SHOOTING AT ME TODAY!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

OH, I'LL SHOW YOU...



AUGH!

AUGH!



GREAT. YOU GOT DRAGGED ALONG, TOO.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHERE ARE WE?!

I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHEN, EITHER. DR. WILY DID SOMETHING TO ME, AND I'VE BEEN JUMPING FORWARD THROUGH TIME. NOW IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE, TOO.

HMPH! SO NOW I HAVE TO DEAL WITH ONE OF HIS IDIOTIC SCHEMES.



WHAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW--?



AND NOW THINGS ARE FALLING OUT OF THE SKY AND EXPLODING. SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT FOR TODAY...

STOP YOUR CHILDISH COMPLAINING.



WHOA...IT'S A ROBOT!

IT'S NOT LIKE ANY DESIGN I'VE EVER SEEN, THOUGH.



GREAT. WHATEVER. WHAT'S WITH THE FUNKY-LOOKING THING IN THE SKY?



WHAT FUNKY-LOO-- WHOA, WHEN DID THAT APPEAR?

YOU TELL ME. YOU'RE THE ONE TIME-HOP--



MEGA MAN! BASS? I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HERE TOGETHER!



STILL, I COULD USE THE HELP. KING IS RAIDING THE ROBOT MUSEUM. HURRY! FOLLOW ME!

DON'T GIVE ME ORDERS, PROTO MAN!



WAIT--PROTO-MAN?! KING? WHAT'S GOING ON?!



YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR, KING! I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO VIOLATE THIS MUSEUM!

LET US NOT FIGHT AMONGST OURSELVES. THIS DATA WILL GIVE ME THE MEANS TO AN INVINCIBLE ROBOT ARMY.

YOU LOOK LIKE A POWERFUL ROBOT YOURSELF. WHY NOT JOIN ME AS WELL?

WAAAAA



THIS IS "KING"? WHAT A JOKE.

HOLD ON... "BASS," RIGHT? WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THIS TIME-HOPPING THING AND THAT STRANGE ANOMALY IN THE SKY. I GET THE FEELING THEY'RE CONNECT--



FWASH



MEGA MAN!

COME FACE YOUR DESTINY! COME FACE YOUR FUTURE!



COME FACE ME!

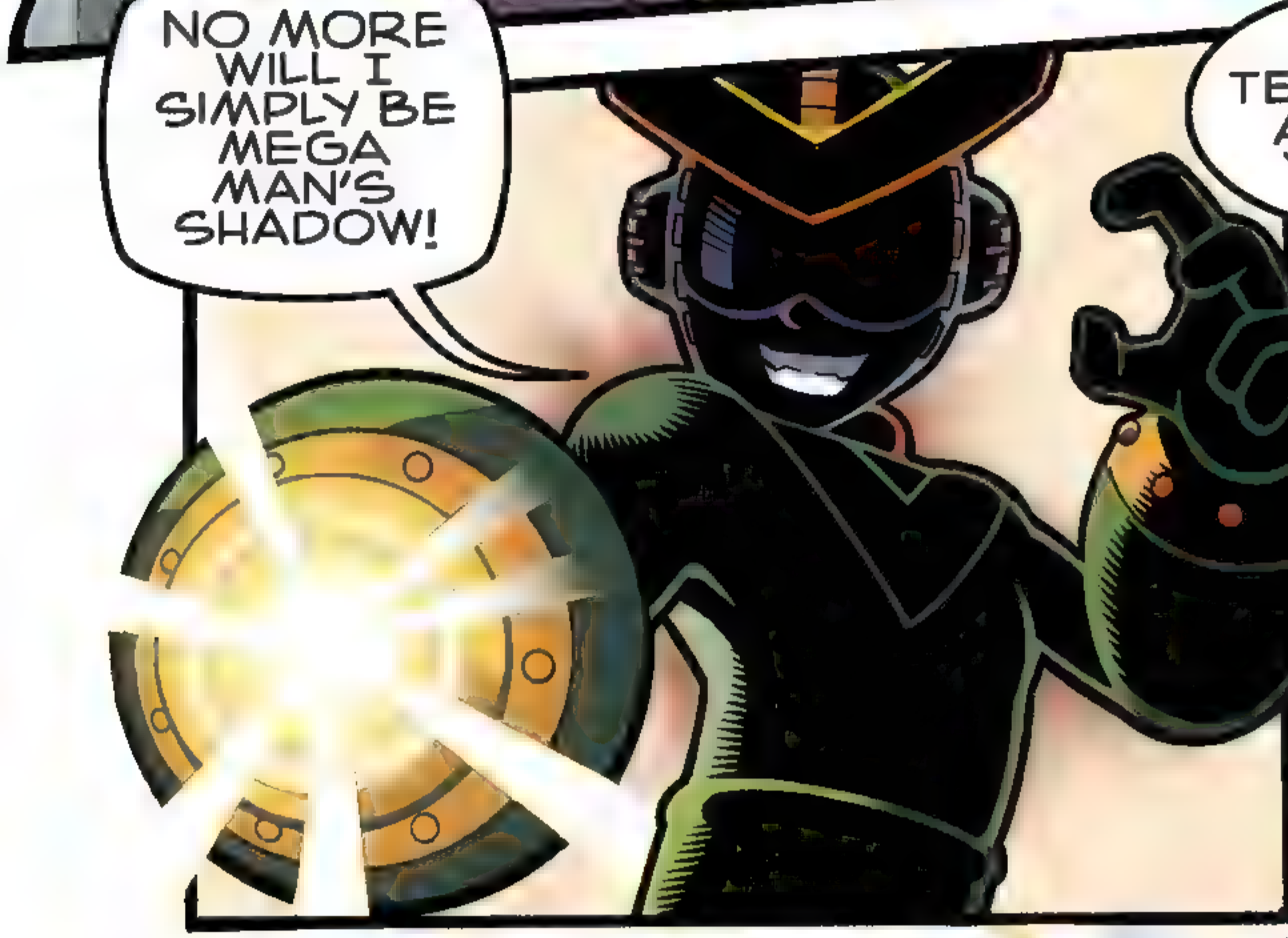


AND NOW WHO IS THIS?!



I DON'T KNOW.

BUT I ALREADY FOUGHT HIM... I THINK.



NO MORE WILL I SIMPLY BE MEGA MAN'S SHADOW!

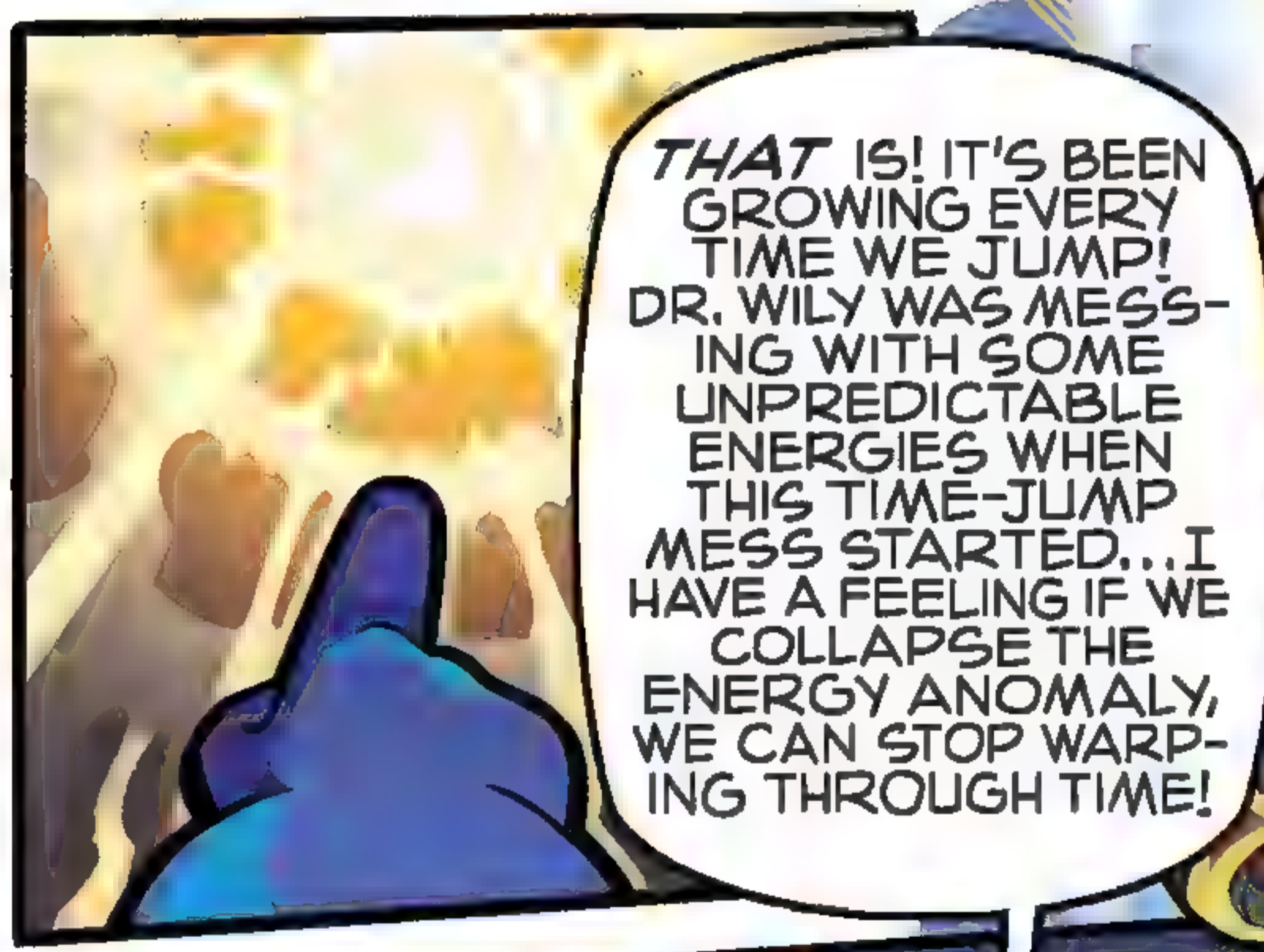
I'LL TEAR YOU APART, YOU--!

WOULD YOU COOL IT FOR A SECOND?!

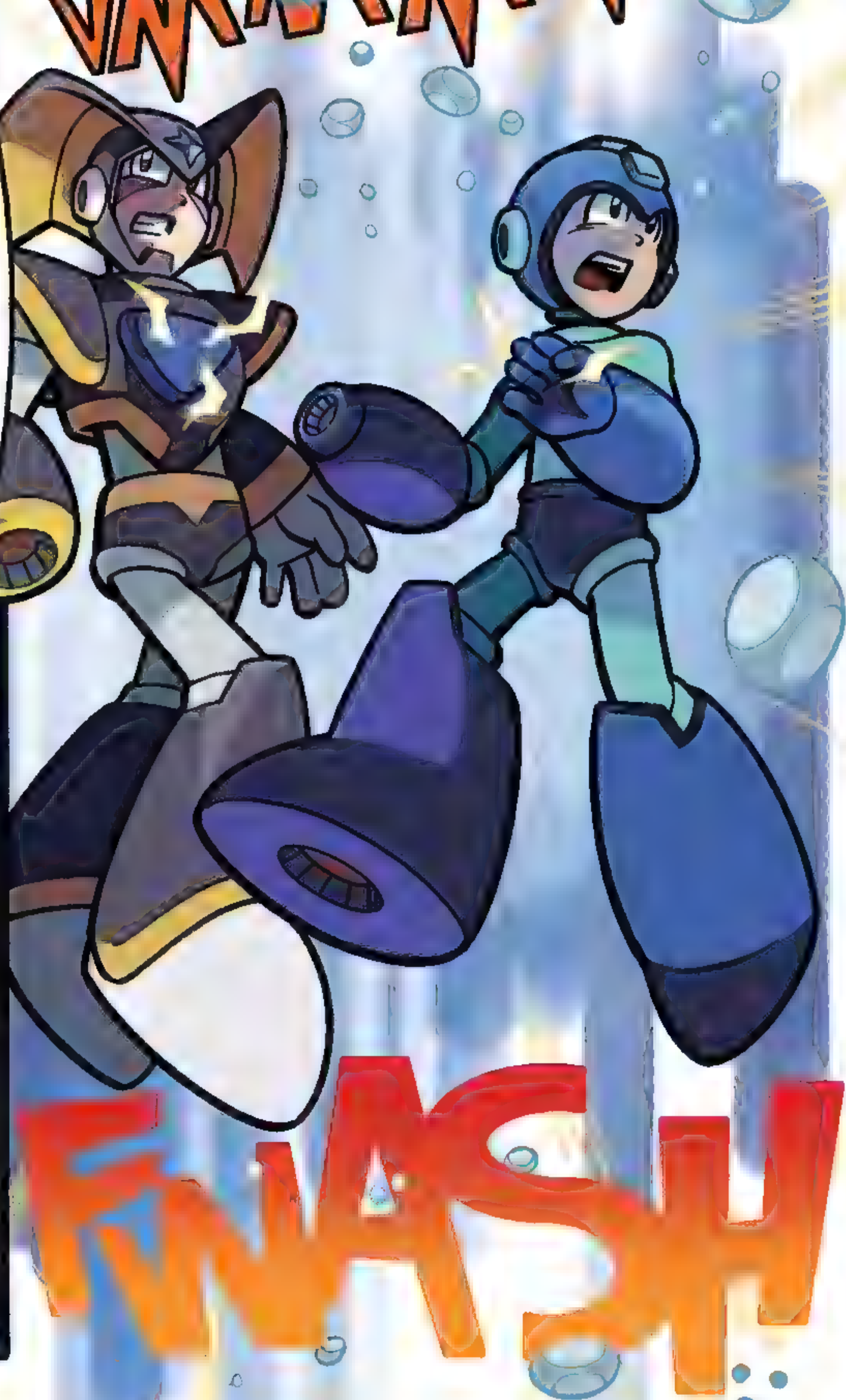


HE'S NOT THE PROBLEM!

VMMMM



THAT IS! IT'S BEEN GROWING EVERY TIME WE JUMP! DR. WILY WAS MESSING WITH SOME UNPREDICTABLE ENERGIES WHEN THIS TIME-JUMP MESS STARTED... I HAVE A FEELING IF WE COLLAPSE THE ENERGY ANOMALY, WE CAN STOP WARPING THROUGH TIME!



FWASH



OR MAYBE DESTROYING YOU WOULD--!

HOLD ON! WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE SHOULD--

DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU--!

OH! HEY!
SPLASH
WOMAN!
FINALLY--A
FRIENDLY
ROBOT
MASTER
WHO CAN
HELP...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO BE-
LIEVE IT! HE
SAID YOU'D
BE SENT TO
FINISH US!

AND HERE
YOU ARE!

WHOA!
WHO SAID
WHAT ABOUT
--WAIT!

I WILL NOT FACE
DEACTIVATION SO
QUIETLY! IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
DESTROY ME,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
WORK FOR IT!

OW! STOP
IT! I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!

IF SHE'S
EXPECTING TO
BE DESTROYED,
THEN I'LL
DO IT!

NO!

WMMMMM

FWASH



ROCK! AND BASS? HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT WE NEED...

...TO CURE THE ROBOENZA OUTBREAK?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU DODDERING OLD MAN?



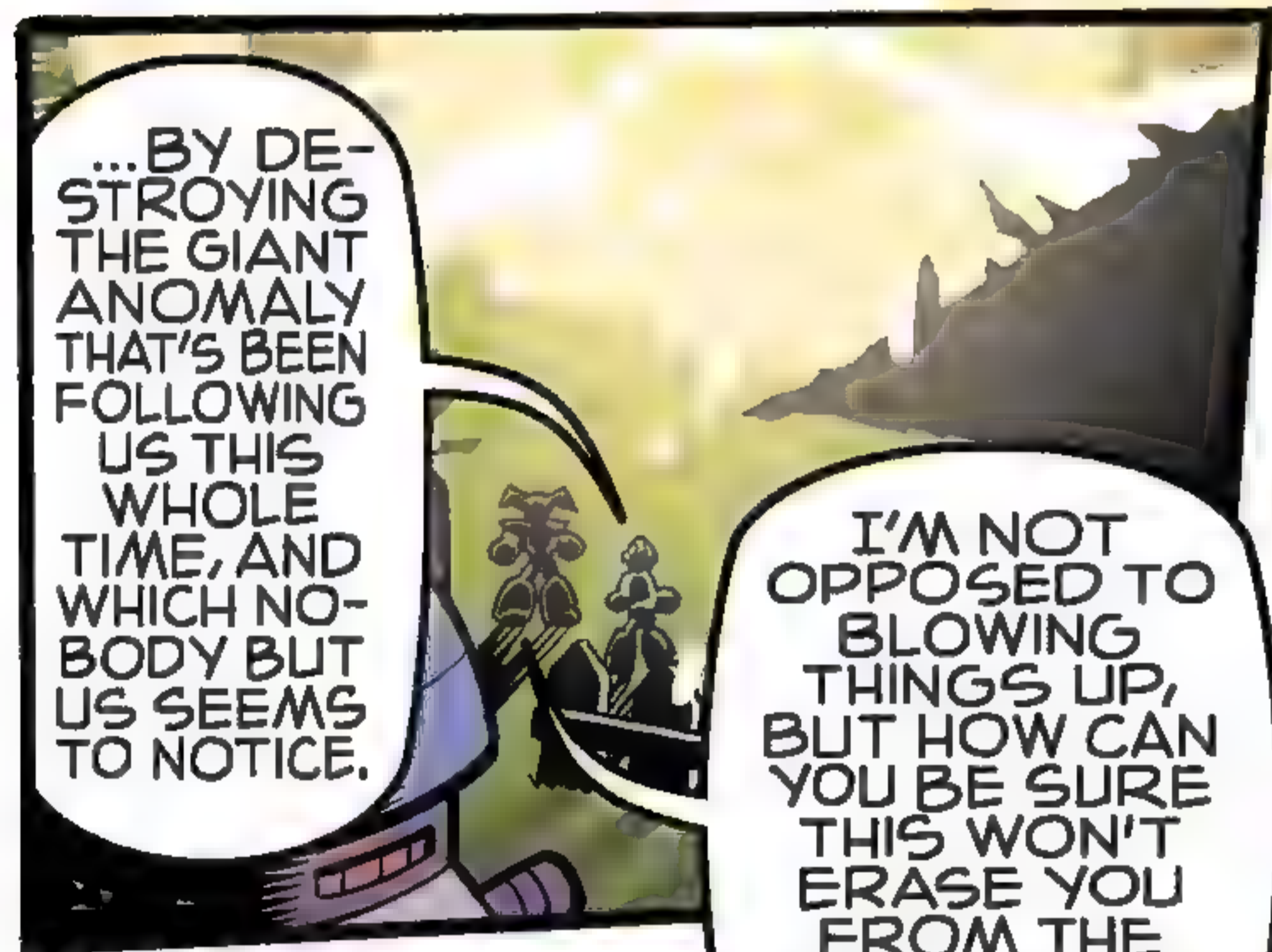
I'M SORRY, DOCTOR LIGHT...

...BUT I NEED TO DO SOMETHING FIRST, I'LL EXPLAIN IN THE FUTURE... PAST... >SIGH< YOU'LL SEE.



FOLLOW ME, BASS. WE'RE STOPPING THIS RIGHT NOW.

WHATEVER IS HAPPENING TO ME SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING ME AT ALL POINTS IN TIME. AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT...



...BY DESTROYING THE GIANT ANOMALY THAT'S BEEN FOLLOWING US THIS WHOLE TIME, AND WHICH NOBODY BUT US SEEMS TO NOTICE.

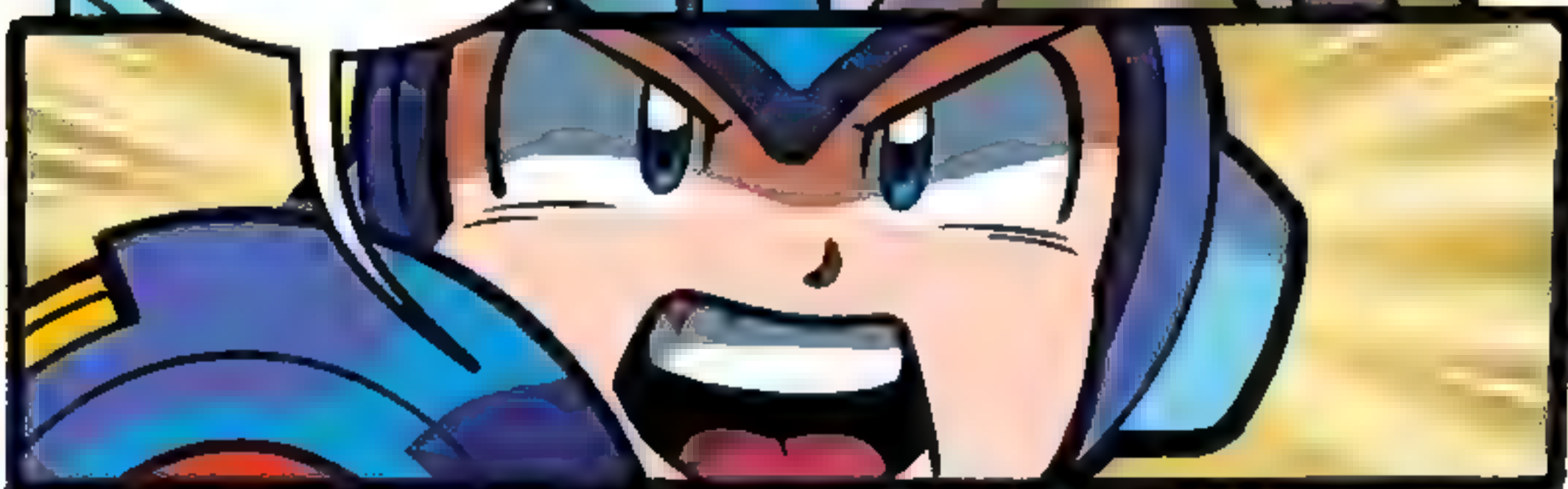
I'M NOT OPPOSED TO BLOWING THINGS UP, BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THIS WON'T ERASE YOU FROM THE TIMELINE OR SOMETHING?



I DON'T.

IT'S A CHANCE I'M WILLING TO TAKE.

FIRE!



LIGHT LABS-- NOW.

OW!

ROCK?! WHAT HAPPENED?!

IT LOOKS LIKE HIS SHORT-TERM MEMORY CIRCUIT BLEW!

AUGH!

I'M... I'M OKAY. JUST A WEIRD POWER SPIKE...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

...YOUR SYSTEMS ARE READING NORMAL, BUT YOUR INTERNAL CLOCK HAS JUMPED AHEAD BY YEARS? WHAT IN THE WORLD JUST HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW...

...BUT, GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, WE MIGHT FIND OUT.

RIGHT YOU ARE, ROCK! AND THE FUTURE BEGINS NEXT TIME AS MEGA MAN MUST SAVE NEW YEAR'S DAY FROM THE EMERALD SPEARS IN "COUNTDOWN."

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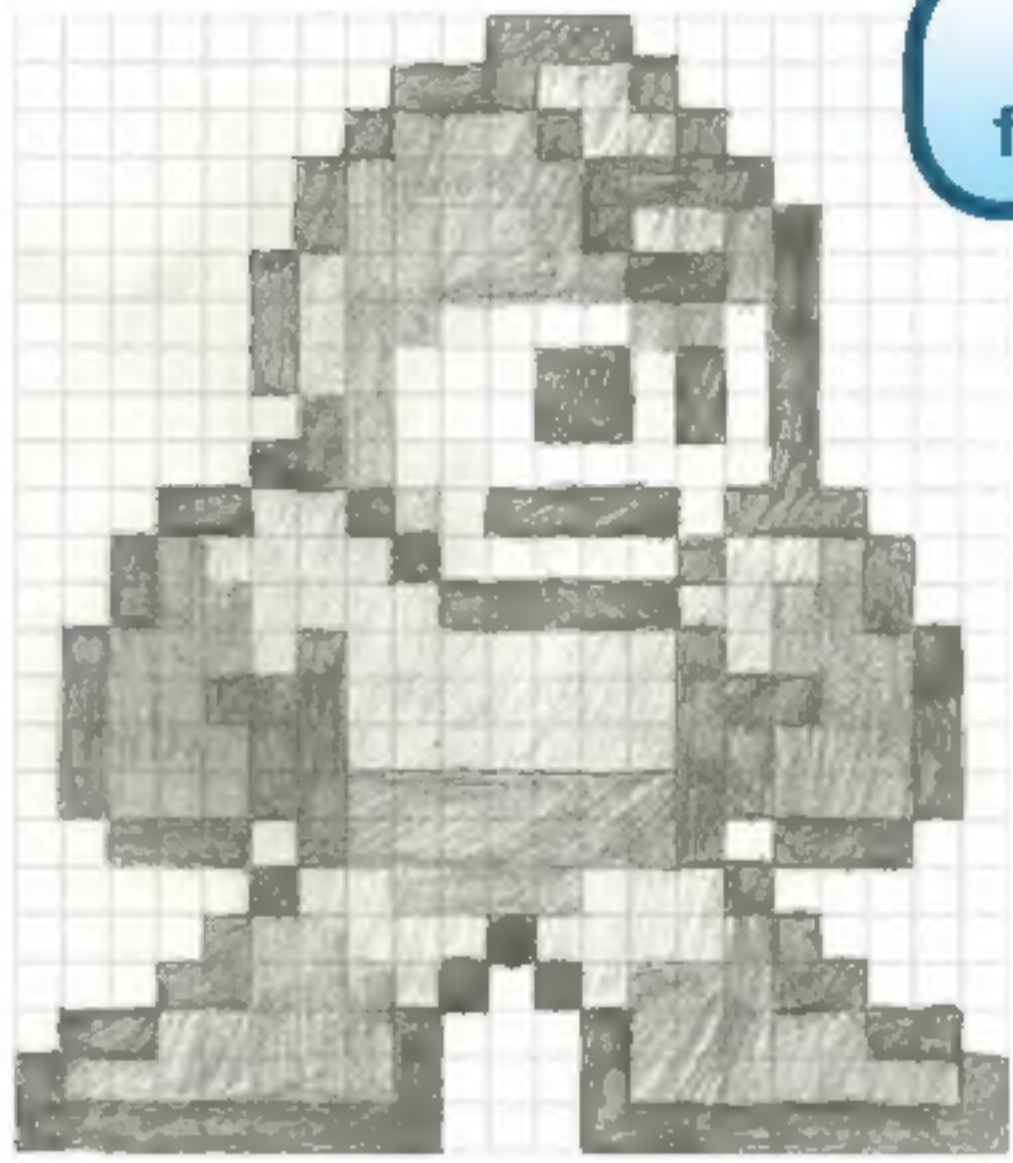


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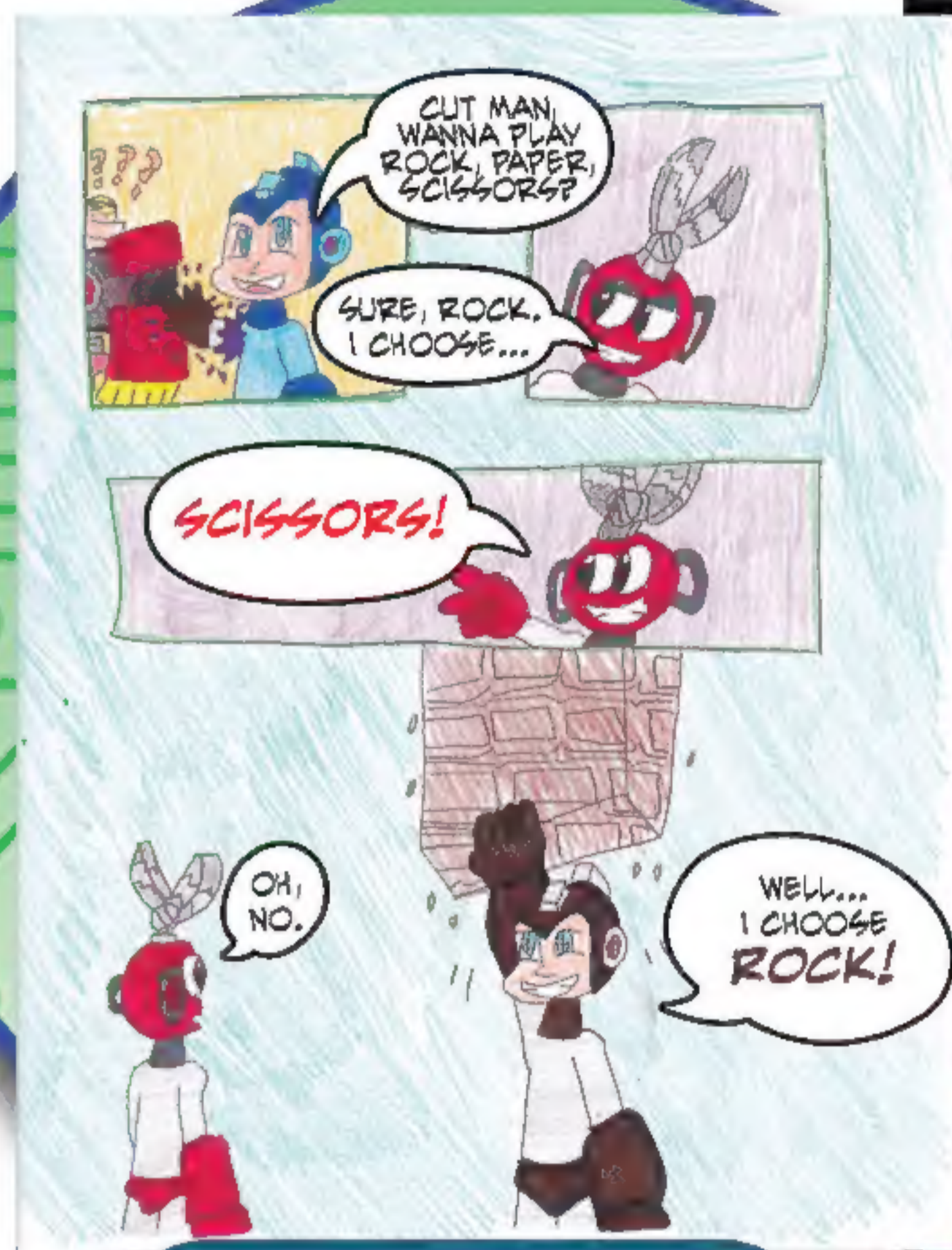


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from New Jersey

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BEHOLD - MY MOST BRILLIANT ROBOT TO DATE!

NOW GO, POLICE MAN! INFILTRATE THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BEND THEM TO MY WILL!

YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR THEFT, BREAKING AND ENTERING, KNOWING ENDANGERMENT OF THE POPULACE, DISTURBING THE PEACE, ASSAULT, FORGETTING TO CALL YOUR MOTHER ON HER BIRTHDAY, RECKLESS DRIVING...

MEGA-MAIL

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey! I'm a fan from Brazil! A friend of mine brought me the first two graphic novels and I have to say it's the most amazing comic I ever read!

Well, we're glad to hear it!

The art is awesome, the stories are very well written and it's very faithful to the games! I'd love to keep following the series! Is there any chance it's coming to Brazil?

The print comics are North America-exclusive, but never fear! You can access all of the Mega-Action digitally! Just go to digital.archiecomics.com and complete your collection today! We also have the Mega Man comics app for iOS devices!

Keep up with the good work!

Sincerely,
Leonardo F.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Leonardo!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I really enjoyed the two-part story arc called "Proto-Type," as well as the fourth story arc called "Spiritus Ex Machina," because of its story, the characters, even the interesting villain, Xander Payne!

Xander was the coolest jerk ever! His grudge for advanced robotics is far from gone! In fact, Xander will be popping up again real soon!

I have 2 questions, so here goes.

1. When will we be seeing Bass, Treble, and Beat (Mega Man's robotic bird)?

Bass appeared in this very issue! Keep reading to make sure you don't miss any of your favorites, 'cuz they're coming soon!

2. When will Mega Man meet his brother, Blues?

The official meeting is just around the corner!

Well that's it for my questions, until next time and keep up the good work, guys!

Sincerely,
Lisette T.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks! Keep Rockin'!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Let me just start by saying, I have become a *HUGE* fan of the Mega Man comics you guys are making! In fact, it's even inspired me to pick up some of the Sonic comics, and I'll be subscribing as soon as I get caught up.

*Wouldn't it be cool if those two characters crossed over in one awesome history-making event coming this spring?? *cough**

Well, as a life-long fan of the Mega Man games, I've just been completely blown away by how faithful these comics have been, while also putting an interesting spin on things. I'm also really glad you finally clarified for us that "Mega

Man" is his alter-ego, while "Rock" is his actual name, along with a similar treatment towards Proto Man (aka Blues).

'Rock' has got a real heavy and musical feel to it, while 'Mega Man' just kicks all sorts of ro-butt!

Well, my personal favorite character is Bass, whose dog is named Treble. However, in Japan, their names are Forte and Gospel. In Japan, he was built from a newly-discovered metal called "Fortenium," which I always thought sounded cool.

I hope you enjoyed Bass's appearance here! Be on the look-out for his upcoming appearance in the super-mega-awesome Sonic and Mega Man crossover event!

Anyways, I'm still a bit behind on the comics, so I'm not sure whether or not you've introduced him proper yet, but I definitely look forward to seeing your guys' spin on him.

Jared C.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Jared! You can catch up on all the Mega action by purchasing the first three Mega Man graphic novels! All are available now at your local bookstore, or digital books outlet! Volume four is coming soon! plugplugplug

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